

## **Drug Endangered Children Alliance**

### **MISSION:**

To provide a seamless, coordinated community response to children endangered by drugs, including alcohol.

### **GOALS:**

1. Ensure the immediate safety and security of children exposed to drugs and alcohol.
2. Address medical, treatment, counseling, education and placement needs.
3. Enhance criminal charges against offending adults, parents or caregivers.
4. Place children in stable and secure homes.
5. Break the cycle of drug and alcohol use and abuse.
6. Increase community awareness and decrease tolerance of dangers associated with drug use, sales and manufacturing.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

#### **Level I:**

Children are discovered in an illicit drug manufacturing or trafficking environment.

#### **Level II:**

Children discovered in locations where drugs are being used, sold, stored or transported.

#### **Examples of Level II DEC investigations include:**

- Parents or caretakers allowing drug use or sales with children present;
- Drugs stored or left in areas accessible to children;
- Providing drugs to minor children;
- Concealment of drugs in children's items;
- Using children in any way to promote drug use, sales, or manufacturing;
- Caring for children while under the influence; and/or
- Transporting or driving under the influence with children in the vehicle.